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TAGS: OVIP (EILTS, AMBASSADOR HERMANN FR.)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO
RETURN FOR CONSULTATION JANUARY 5-6. I AM
CURRENTLY BOOKED ON TWA 841 VIA ROME TO NEW YORK,
ETA 1555. HOW I GET ON TO WASHINGTON WILL HAVE
TO BE DETERMINED ON ARRIVAL.

2. I AM CONCERNED THAT ROME AIRPORT IS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY CHAOTIC AND ALL RECENT TRAVELLERS ARE
COMPLAINING THAT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WHO ARE OPERATING
AIRPORT AFTER NATIONALIZATION ARE TOTALLY UNRELIABLE
AND INVARIABLY OVERBOOK WITH RESULT PASSENGERS ARE
STRANDED FOR HOURS. TWA HAS ASKED THE ROME OFFICE
ASSIST IN ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS, BUT STATES
QUITE FRANKLY IT CANNOT RPT CANNOT GUARANTEE
ANYTHING IN ROME. THIS MEANS TRANSITTING ROME IS
HIGHLY UNCERTAIN. THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT
OUT OF CAIRO ON JAN 5:
LUFTHANSA 627 TO MUNICH CONNECTING THERE WITH PANAM 73
DIRECTLY TO DULLES. IN VIEW RESTRICTIONS ON USE
FOREIGN AIRLINES, PLEASE CHECK WITH RAN HUNT TO INQUIRE
WHETHER, IN VIEW UNCERTAINTY ROME CONNECTION, I COULD
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BE AUTHORIZED USE LUFTHANSA-PANAM COMBINATION. IT

IS OBVIOUSLY TOO LATE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF A
DECISION IF STUCK IN ROME AND ENTIRE FLIGHT EITHER WAY
IS A VERY LONG ONE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING IMMEDIATELY
NECESSARY FISCAL DATA TO COVER TRIP.

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS, PREFERABLY AT COLUMBIA PLAZA OR
RIVERSIDE TOWERS. PLEASE ADVISE HOTEL THAT I MIGHT
NOT ARRIVE UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING.

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